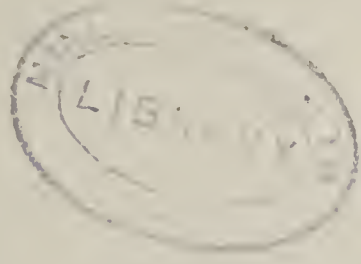
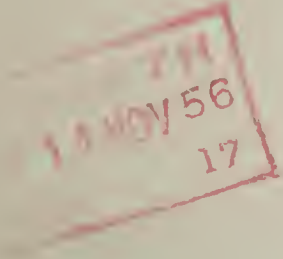


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REPORT
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OF HEALTH
for the
Year Ended 31st December, (1954)

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THE YEAR - 1954

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

Part 3 - Services Administered by the Durham County Council.

Part 21 - Health Centres No action.

Section 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children

A Maternity and Child Welfare Centre operates in the Mechanics Institute, Tow Law, at fortnightly intervals.

Section 23 - Midwifery

There is a resident Certified Nurse who undertakes the duties of Midwifery and Maternity Nursing.

Section 24 - Health Visiting

Regular visits are made by the Health Visitor.

Section 25 - Home Nursing

Nurse T. Harle of No. 54 High Street, Tow Law, occupies the position of District Nurse.

Section 26 - Vaccination and Immunisation

The vaccination state of the community cannot be said to be satisfactory; some prejudice appears to exist as compared with Immunisation against Diphtheria. In both instances, the lack of prevalence of disease would appear to effect the number of parents taking advantage of the scheme.

Section 27 - Ambulances

This service is very efficient and well patronised. The service is controlled from Bp. Auckland. Owing to the isolated nature of the area there may be a tendency to use the Service on occasions when alternative transport would suffice.

Section 28 - Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care

Arrangements are made by the County Council to implement this section, but little need exists in your area.

Section 29 - Domestic Help

Arrangements are in force and are well patronised, serving an urgent need in many instances.

Treatment Centres

A Venereal Diseases Clinic at Durham County Hospital and a Chest Clinic at Bp. Auckland, provide adequate facilities for the diagnosis and treatment and Venereal Diseases and Tuberculosis.

Nursery Schools

There is, as yet, no provision in the Urban Area for a Day Nursery or Nursery School.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention

No action.

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Population - Registrar General's Mid-year estimate - 3150

Officials -

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. A. Charlton, Grove Lodge, Tow Law.

Sanitary Inspector - Mr. H. E. Raine, M.C., C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Council Offices, Tow Law, Co. Durham.

Social Conditions

Full employment still exists, but the need for improved housing and general amenities still exists.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Live Births</u> - Legitimate	22	25
Illegitimate	1	-
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	23	25
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<u>Total - 48</u>		

Live Births per 1,000 of estimated resident population - 15.2

Area Comparability Factor 1.0

Adjusted Live Birth Rate 15.2

Still Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	1
Illegitimate	-	-
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	2	1
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<u>Total - 3</u>		

Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live births 20.8

Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live births
England and Wales 25.4

NEONATAL DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age - Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	-	-
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	1	-
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Neonatal Death Rate per 1,000 live births 20.8

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	20	16	36
Classified according to			
(a) 1st nine months	14	13	27
(b) 1st three months	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated resident population			11.42
Area Comparability Factor 			1.05
Adjusted Death Rate 			11.99
Death Rate per 1,000 population England & Wales. ...			11.3

DEATHS FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Vascular lesions of Nervous system	2	7
Cancer	2	-
Coronary Disease/angina	2	4
Other Heart Diseases	2	-
Other Circulatory Diseases	4	2
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	2	-
Ulcer of Stomach/Duodenum	-	1
Nephritis	1	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
Accidents	1	-
	20	16
<u>Total - 36</u>		

Deaths from:

Tuberculosis)	
Diphtheria)	
Whooping Cough)	
Measles)	
Pregnancy)	NIL
Child Birth)	
Abortion)	
Influenza)	
Polio myelitis)	

Deaths from Cancer: 2 (Representing 5.5% of all deaths and rate of 0.63 per 1,000 population).

Notification of Infectious Diseases 1954

<u>Whooping Cough</u>	9
<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	29
<u>Pneumonia</u>	4
<u>Non-Pul. Tuberculosis</u>	2
<u>Pul. Tuberculosis</u>	2
<u>Measles</u>	12
<u>Puerperal Pyrexia</u>	1

No case admitted to Infectious Diseases Hospital.

SANITARY DETAILS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1954(1) VISITS:

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken :

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	...	46 visits
(2)	Sanitary Conveniences :Insufficient	...		...	3 "
	Defective	...		...	2 "
(3)	Drainage	...	...	...	18 "
(4)	Water Supply ..	...	...	...	1 "
(5)	Food premises..	...	...	...	35 "
(6)	Shops Act	...	...	...	6 "
(7)	Dairies	...	...	...	2 "
(8)	Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	29 "
(9)	Factories and Workplaces ..	...	...	...	15 "
(10)	Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles	...	...	...	2 "

(2) NUISANCES ETC.:

The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices.

	No. of Informal Notices <u>Served</u>	No. of Statutory Notices <u>Served</u>	Defects remedied after Notice
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	34	-	28
Sanitary Conveniences:Insufficient	3	-	3
Defective	2	-	2
Drainage	17	-	17
Water Supply	1	-	1
Food Premises	2	-	2
Slaughterhouses	7	-	7
Factories and Workplaces	1	-	1
Insanitary Ashpits and Receptacles	2	-	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	63	-	63

(3) PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS:

During the 12 months ended 31st December, 1954, 63 inspections of dwelling-houses, shops and other buildings were made, and disinfestation treatments were carried out where necessary.

(4) SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

Three Slaughterhouses were registered for the purpose of slaughtering, and the state of cleanliness generally prevailing was found to be satisfactory.

(5) FOOD ETC. CONDEMNED:

During the year, 2 cwts. 0 st. 8lbs. 9 ozs. of miscellaneous tinned foods and loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

(6) W.C. CONVERSIONS:

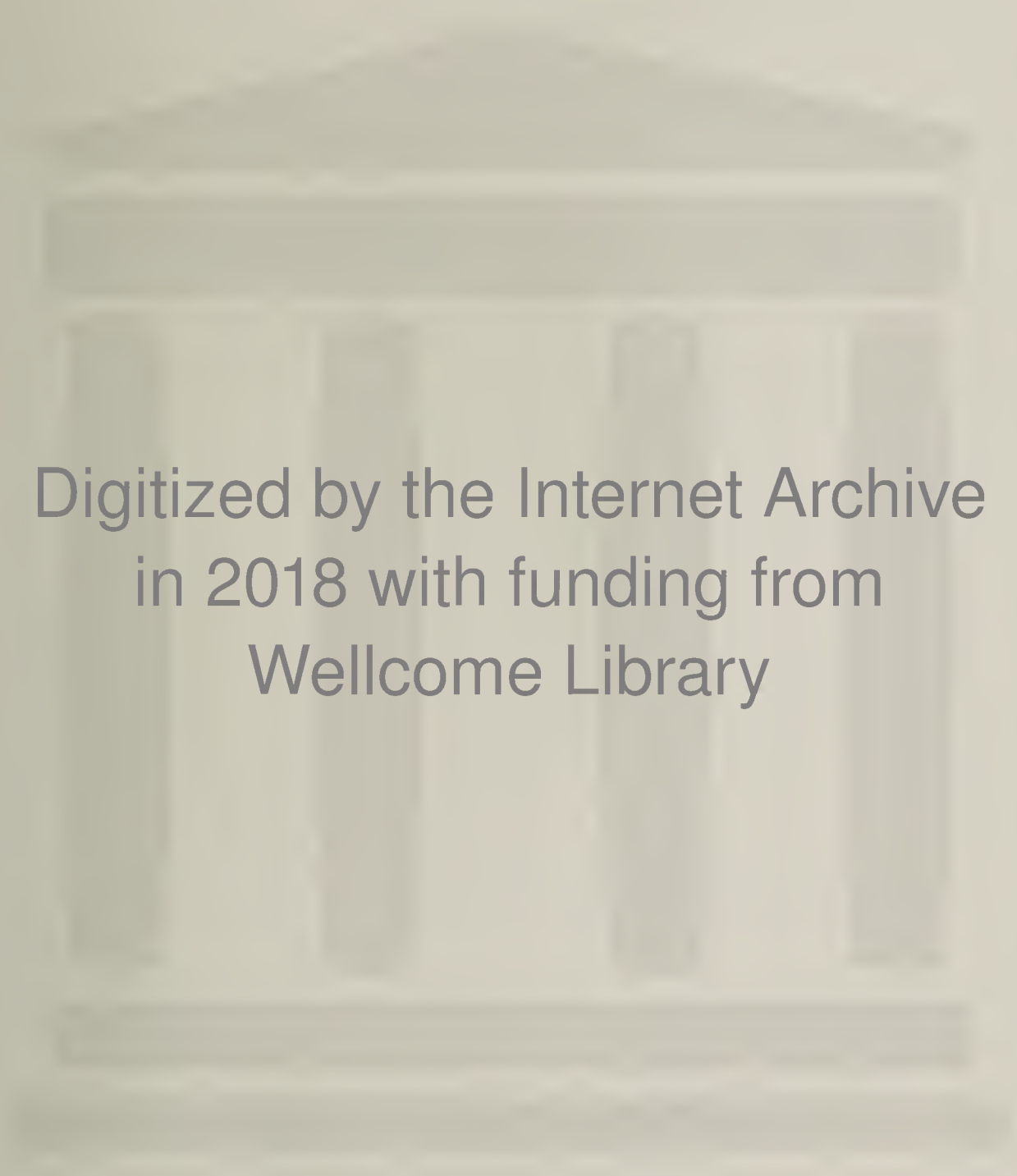
During the year 14 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place, making the total number of water closets in the district 352. There are still 552 ash closets in the district.

(7) FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948:

During the year 2 premises subject to the factories Acts were inspected. Informal action sufficed to deal with a nuisance which existed in one of the premises.

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